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Applicants: A.R. Cohn et al. Attorney Docket No.: LIUI116895
Application No.: 09/765,051 Group Art Unit: 3634
Filed: January 16, 2001 Examiner: C.A. Cohen
Title: AUTOMATIC MECHANISM FOR WHEELCHAIR LIFT PASSENGER
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A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- _____ 1. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.
 X 2. The claim fee has been calculated as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	58	-	20	=	38	x	9	=	342
Independent Claims	5	-	3	=	2	x	42	=	84
TOTAL									\$426

B. Request for Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated December 18, 2001, set to expire on March 18, 2002, be extended by 3 months, to expire on June 18, 2002. The enclosed check includes the 3-month extension fee of \$460.00.

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C. Fees Enclosed

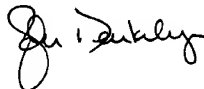
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D. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

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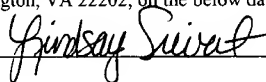


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AMENDMENT A

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In the Specification:

On page 7, please delete the paragraph beginning on line 25 and insert the following therefor:

Operation of the door drive assembly 20 may be best understood by referring to FIGURES 8-10. To clarify operation of the current embodiment of the present invention, a well known platform lift 152, such as that disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,158,419, issued to Kempf et al., the disclosure of which is hereby expressly incorporated by reference, is illustrated. The platform lift 152 may be reciprocated between stowed and deployed positions, such that it may be selectively positioned adjacent the access door 22 to load and unload passengers from the lift 152.

In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows, and add new Claims 2-58 as shown below:

1. (Amended) An automatic door reciprocating system for use with a wheelchair lift designed to be stowed in a lower compartment of a vehicle, the vehicle having a floor and a sliding door, the sliding door being slidable between open and closed positions, the wheelchair

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